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**Marlene H. Dortch**

Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

## **CG Docket Nos. 13-24 and 03-123**

RE: Please Grant FCC Approval of the InnoCaption App  
Created by Miracom for Smartphone Devices

Dear Secretary Dortch,

I am writing to strongly endorse the InnoCaption product for a Smartphone and urge the FCC to grant speedy approval of this product for the deaf and hard of hearing community. A product like this is in great demand for those with a hearing loss trying to function in society and compete for employment with the hearing community. It offers a level playing field that is not currently available with other caption products.

For those with a hearing loss, it becomes difficult to make and/or receive phone calls in any environment, but it is especially hard in a mobile application. They should be able to make or receive calls to and from friends, family, neighbors or business associates at any time or place without any forethought, needless advance notice or complicating process for either party.

For example, in the event of a breakdown on the road, they should be able to call a tow service, friend, or family member without worry or frustration.

I am not connected with Miracom or the InnoCaption product in any way. I work with persons with hearing loss and have great interest in seeing this service become available, as I see them struggle to hear and comprehend telephonic communications.

I am a Smartphone user who wants a product that will give the accessibility, convenience, confidence, and mobility to use a mobile voice communication device as it was intended to persons with hearing loss. Those in the hard of hearing community need to be able to receive phone calls when mobile, just like their hearing counterparts are able to do every day.

When making a call, they want the communication assistant (CA) to be automatically connected and the call to proceed smoothly. Captions come on very quickly and the quality of captions is much superior with InnoCaption. I'm told that InnoCaption uses stenographers as their CA's who are trained to court reporter level certification. The CA actually types the conversations instead of using "Voice Recognition" technology, which reduces the number of errors and speeds delivery of the captions substantially. They also provide each user with their own caption phone number that they can share with their friends, family, and business contacts.

Whenever someone calls that number the app is automatically turned on, a CA is automatically connected and they start receiving captions immediately. This is a very seamless approach to mobile communications

for the deaf and hard of hearing that needs to be granted for immediate use.

This InnoCaption product is just the app many Smartphone users have been looking for. It can give them the freedom, security and mobility they need and want, but they need the FCC to approve it quickly so they can begin using it now. I urge the Commission to grant quick approval of this product for their sake.

Thank you for taking serious note of this request.

Sincerely,

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